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Dear Mr. Bolen:

I am requesting the Region 5 Offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assign an On-Scene Coordinator to conduct a time critical removal assessment and possible removal action at the Lockformer Company (Lockformer) site located at 711 Ogden Avenue in Lisle, DuPage County, Illinois.

The Lockformer site (ILN# 000508135) is an active business that manufactures metal parts and equipment. Located in a mixture of industrial and residential properties, the site has been in operation since at least 1968. In 1991 Trichloroethene (TCE) contaminated soil was first discovered on the property. The soil contamination appeared to be a result of a numerous documented spills of TCE. Lockformer used and currently uses TCE as a degreaser.

Repeated spills of TCE, occurring on the Lockformer property, are known to have impacted the soil and groundwater beneath the site. Monitor well samples from the site indicated that levels of TCE have exceeded Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) and U.S. EPA Removal Action Levels (RAL). (The MCL for TCE is 5 ug/l while the RAL for TCE is 37 ug/l) Although these samples were collected from a non-potable supply, the results indicate that TCE is present within the groundwater at the site. The complete extent of this contamination has not been fully determined.

Residential properties, with private groundwater wells, are located to the south, northwest, and northeast of the Lockformer site. Due to the fact that groundwater flow in the area is believed to travel to the southwest from the Lockformer site, residents located in this direction appear to be potentially at risk. During December 2000 and January 2001, Illinois EPA sampled private wells to the south of Lockformer. The results indicated that levels of TCE were detected above MCL's. At this particular time, the RAL for TCE has not been exceeded within a private drinking water well. Currently, the state is still gathering data from additional private wells in the area. Attached are sample maps and data gathered during recent sampling activities by Illinois EPA.

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